

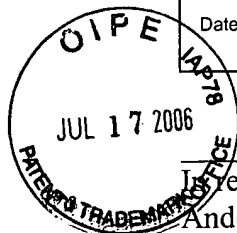
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For: ARTERY SMOOTH MUSCLE- AND VEIN
SMOOTH MUSCLE-SPECIFIC PROTEINS
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This Response is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed April 4, 2006, in connection with the above application. A Petition for a one-month extension of time and appropriate fees are filed concurrently herewith. Please enter the following remarks:

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